

U.N.'s World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
2nd Conference on Women in Meteorology and Hydrology
Geneva, Switzerland – March 24-27, 2003

- **Objectives of the Conference**

Considering the Thirteenth WMO Congress (May 1999) strongly supported the WMO's efforts in providing encouragement and support for equal opportunity for the participation of women in the fields of meteorology and hydrology, the objectives of the conference were:

- i. To review the current situation as regards the participation of women in meteorology and hydrology, especially since the WMO Bangkok Meeting* and develop benchmarks to measure future progress;
- ii. To develop strategies to increase the participation of women in the activities of WMO (Regional Associations, Working Groups, etc. and also at the Secretariat level) and in the works of National Meteorological and Hydrologic Services (NMHS)s.

- **Objectives of U.S. Participation**

- i. To present experiences and possibilities for increased participation of women in Meteorology & Hydrology and the WMO;
- ii. To influence: a) the agenda (via the international planning committee) and b) post-conference actions.

- **Conference Participants**

There were approximately 141 participants from approximately 103 countries.

- **U.S. Delegation**

1. General Jack Kelly, U.S. Permanent Representative with the WMO and Assistant Administrator of National Weather Service (NWS)
2. Ms. Mary Glackin, Assistant Administrator, NOAA Program Planning and Integration
3. Ms. Vicki L. Nadolski, Director, Western Region, NWS
4. Dr. Fiona M. Horsfall, Meteorologist, NWS
5. Dr. Dian Siedel, Research Meteorologist, NOAA Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research
6. Ms. Maria A. Pirone, Vice President, Product and Marketing Development, AER, Inc.
7. Dr. Sepi Yalda, Associate Professor of Meteorology, Millersville University
8. Ms. Christina del Castillo, Program Analyst, International Activities Office, NWS

- **NOAA Planning Committee**

Kay Westin, of the NWS and delegate to the 1st Women's Conference in Bangkok, provided assistance in the planning of the 2nd Conference and in advising the U.S. Delegation. Emilie Bruchon of NESDIS also provided assistance.

- **Pre-Conference Event:** Information Session / Box Lunch with US Delegation occurred during the AMS Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA. Wednesday, February 12.

- **Post-Conference Event:** A brown bag event took place on Thursday June 5, 2003 at 12 noon in the NOAA Library, SSMC3 in Silver Spring to present the recommendations and action

plans of the conference and to engage the NOAA community in activities to increase women's participation in meteorology and hydrology and related fields and in WMO activities.

*WMO Bangkok Meeting was the First WMO Women's Conference entitled "The International Expert Meeting on the Participation of Women in Meteorology and Hydrology" in Bangkok, Thailand Dec. 1997.

For additional information on this conference or on the participation of women in WMO activities, please contact Christina.delCastillo@noaa.gov.

PHOTOS: "Plenary Session" Approximately 103 countries were represented at the Conference.

"Mary on Panel" Ms. Mary Glackin, Assistant Administrator of NOAA's Office of Program Planning and Integration serves as a Conference Co-chair.

"US Delegation" US delegates at the WMO Headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland.
from front to back, left to right:
Christina del Castillo, Sepi Yalda, Mary Glackin, Jack Kelly, Maria Piron,
Fiona Horsfall, Dian Seidel, Vicki Nadolski.